

## SILVER HORN WAITS NEXT KIDNAP BAND

Scarsdale's Ex-Fire Chief Says  
Town Won't Again Be  
Caught Napping.

## DOG FAILED IN DUTY

Had Albohn's Nigger Barked  
Miss Anna Might Not Have  
Been Stolen.

All Scarsdale was upset yesterday over the kidnapping of Miss Anna Drenth, 18, from the home of Louis Albohn, a boss painter, where she had lived for several years. While neighbors chatted about the remarkable escape of Mr. Albohn and the ten members of his family from serious injury at the hands of eight men who invaded the house, which is at Johnson street and Sprague avenue, Albert Crocker, 75 years old, Albohn's father-in-law, averred that the next time strangers begin to act queerly about the house he is going to hurry to a window and blow as hard as he can on that silver trumpet that was presented to him when he retired as chief of the Scarsdale Volunteer Fire Department.

The trumpet was the topic of discussion Sunday night when there came three gentle but firm knocks at the door. The ex-fire chief was telling Mr. and Mrs. Albohn and three of the latter's children—Walter, 21; Harold, 19, and Mrs. Lillian Liguori, 18—of his work in the department that won the trumpet, which reposed under glass on a table in the center of the room. Mrs. Liguori interrupted him to see who the late callers were. It then was 11:30 P. M. As she opened the door three men pushed into the room. They wore caps and walked in with hands in their pockets.

"Go away, maiden," said one gruffly. "Where is Anna?"

Mrs. Albohn said she was up stairs and the intruder demanded she be called. "I want a private room to talk to her," he said. Anna and the man went into the kitchen. Mrs. Albohn heard the young woman crying soon afterward and the man emerged from the room.

"I'm a friend of Miss King. I'm her husband, and I am going to take her away," the stranger said to Mr. Albohn, who knew Anna also was known by that name. "Gather up her things. I've got fifteen men outside."

"Where's your license?" Mr. Albohn asked.

"Where's yours?" was the reply. "I didn't think it was necessary to carry it around in my pocket."

While this conversation was going on five other men entered the room. Mr. Albohn became suspicious and ran to the telephone. The wires had been cut outside the house. While he was jerking the receiver the sidepiece of an iron bed was hurled through a window. It hit a chandelier, ripping it from the ceiling, and fell Mrs. Albohn. The bar was part of a bed that had been thrown out on the front lawn. Viola Liguori, seven-month old daughter of Mrs. Liguori, lay in a crib beside the window, but was not injured.

Harry Albohn said yesterday he realized the strangers meant to be rough, so he ran into his bedroom and loaded his shotgun. Returning to the parlor he saw his father was grappling with the leader of the ruffians. Harry did not know what to do. If he shot he would hit his father. If he fired in any other direction he was bound to hit some other member of the family. So as a compromise the first toward the ceiling.

The bullet shattered several square feet of plaster.

The leader, who, according to Mr. Albohn, mentioned the name Walter Joseph when he first entered, grabbed the gun from Harry. Harry fled from the house and was attacked in the yard by two men. He doubled back into the cellar and a shot was fired at him. The bullet passed through his hat.

"During the scuffle Mrs. Liguori was hit over the right temple. Walter and his father were felled and the eight men fled from the house. Nobody saw Anna leave, but she disappeared at the same time. The ruffians entered an automobile a block away and disappeared. Anna is the daughter of a woman with whom Mrs. Albohn went to school. She disappeared last July and was not heard from again until December, when the police of Altoona, Pa., telegraphed Mrs. Albohn they had found her, "lying along the railroad track." She returned to Scarsdale January 6. No member of the family knew of her marriage, but she confided to Mrs. Liguori she had a sweetheart and mentioned the name King, which name she gave to the Altoona police.

## GOULD SUIT SETTLED FOR \$90,000, REPORT

Mrs. Blum Will Withdraw  
Claim From Court.

The suit for \$500,000 brought against Kingdon Gould by Mrs. Elsie Erpf Lefkovic Blum, who alleged breach of promise to marry, was settled out of court last night at a conference of attorneys and interested parties in the office of Norman P. Schloss, attorney for Mrs. Blum, at 376 Fifth avenue. Dr. Bartholomew Lefkovic, father of Mrs. Blum, said that the case had been closed and would be taken out of court this morning, when attorneys will move to dismiss the complaint, but that he did not know the terms of settlement. It was reported, however, that Mrs. Blum will receive about \$90,000.

The conference at which the suit was settled began during the afternoon and continued until after 7 o'clock last night. Besides Mrs. Schloss, Dr. Lefkovic and Mrs. Blum, it was said to have been attended by Mr. Gould and his attorney, Robert B. Knowles. Neither Mr. Gould nor Mrs. Blum would make a statement after the conference ended.

## SIDE CARS ARE FALLEN TO PEACEFUL PURSUITS

Famed Crook Catchers Now  
Serving Summonses.

Those much discussed motorcycle side cars, in which the police were to round up crooks at top speed in wild West fashion, are being used for the more peaceful process of serving summonses on violators of the Sabbath law. Alderman "Wireless Louie" Zeltner discovered to his own horror yesterday.

When twenty-five butchers were arraigned in the Essex Market Police Court, charged with selling meat on Sunday, Alderman Zeltner, restraining his emotion by an effort, broke the news to Magistrate Thomas J. Nolan.

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## LIONS ROAR PROTEST; MADAME PAYS A FINE

S. P. C. A. Finds Five Pets  
Cooped Up in a Garage.

No woman, even if pretty and petite, can treat five lions roughly in New York city without feeling the force of the law. That was proved yesterday in the West Side Police Court, when Magistrate Tobias fined Mrs. Adelia Castillo, now living at the Hotel Churchill, \$25 for housing her lions in a garage.

Several West side residents testified they had heard the lions roaring for ten days in the garage at 600 West Forty-sixth street.

"Sister Tobias, why should I make my lions suffer?" Mrs. Castillo demanded with tears in her eyes. "I earn my living with those dear pets and was just resting a little after finishing an engagement here. Let me bring them to court to show you the dear things. They have been well taken care of."

"We can spare you that inconvenience, Madame," Magistrate Tobias said in a curtly, if hasty, tone.

According to Garrett W. Howard, agent of the S. P. C. A., the lions were cooped up in transportation boxes not affording a proper amount of air and light. Magistrate Tobias then imposed the fine and bawled the lions will have no more, but not too much, freedom.

## ST. LOUIS EGGS NOW 35 CENTS.

St. Louis, Feb. 7.—Best eggs sold at wholesale here today for 35 cents a dozen, a decline of 2 cents since Saturday, and 22 cents in the last fortnight. Favorable weather and lower feed prices were attributed as contributory causes of the downward trend.

## EXCHANGES WIFE FOR A BUILDING LOT

Attempt to Regain Trans-  
ferred Spouse Causes Riot  
Call to Be Sounded.

## FOUR IN THE TANGLE

Woman Says New Husband's  
Safe Contains All the  
Signed Papers.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—"To have and to hold, to love and to cherish, for richer or poorer, in sickness or in health, for better or for worse, till somebody offers a \$500 vacant lot."

That, in substance, is declared to have been the marriage vow of Eric Johnson of Rockford, and he lived up to it.

"In consideration of a vacant lot valued at \$500," Eric is alleged to have "delivered" all claims to a wife, Marie, 36 years old, value not stated, to Dorger Peterson, a butcher, of Rockford. That Berger's brother, August Peterson, had a half interest in the lot made the purchase more intricate. The police, who captured all four principals to the transaction after a night spiced with fist fights, riot calls and hotel raids, attempted to-day, with little success, to solve the marital estate tangle.

Johnson's attempt to regain possession of the transferred wife brought the transaction to the blotter of the Sheffield station with numerous embellishments. Johnson traced the woman and Berger Peterson to an apartment, but was met by "Gus" Peterson.

"I am looking for Mr. Peterson," said Mr. Johnson.

"This is Mr. Peterson," said Mr. Peterson, punching his visitor in the eye. "The wrong Mr. Peterson," said Mr. Johnson.

In the argument that ensued a riot call was turned in by the neighbors and the negative and affirmative of the debate were taken to the police station. Later Berger Peterson and Mrs. Johnson were located at a hotel and arrested.

Berger and the woman told of the vacant lot transaction and said the papers, signed by all the parties to the agreement, were in the safe in Peterson's butcher shop in Rockford.

"We were married in Rockford during the war while I was working as a foreman in a machine shop," said Johnson. "We were very happy until one day I saw my wife casing longings glances at the butcher shop across the street. I asked her what the attraction was and she said that the dressed pig looked so good to her. I found later that the real attraction was the beautiful butcher."

The police are holding the principals pending an investigation of Mrs. Johnson's claim by which she was transferred to Berger Peterson.

## AMNESIA VICTIM FOUND.

A man about 35 was found seated on a curb at Fifth avenue and Fourteenth street yesterday staring straight in front of him. When questioned by a policeman he was unable to tell his name or anything about himself. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he was said to be suffering from amnesia. A card in his pocket indicated he was an Interborough employee.

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## FRIEND LOSES FIGHT TO PREVENT SUICIDE

John W. Auer of Brooklyn  
Building Firm Ends Life  
With Pistol.

## OPERATION IS TOO LATE

Despondency Over Death of  
Wife Believed by Family  
to Be Responsible.

John W. Auer, 46 years old, treasurer of the building firm of John Auer & Sons, which erected public schools and Loew theatres in Brooklyn, died yesterday morning at the St. Mark's Sanitarium, 673 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn, from a bullet wound in the right temple which he inflicted with a .32 calibre revolver.

Despondency arising from the death of his wife, Augusta Stutz Auer, two years ago, was given as the reason for Mr. Auer's act. Mrs. Auer, while walking on the street with the members of her family, fell into an open hatchway, sustaining a compound fracture of the leg, and died a few months later.

Mr. Auer shot himself early Sunday morning. John W. Auer, Jr., who is a student, wondered why his father did not come down to breakfast and entered his bedroom. He found his father lying in bed with pillows propped up about him as if to muffle the report of the shot. The revolver lay nearby.

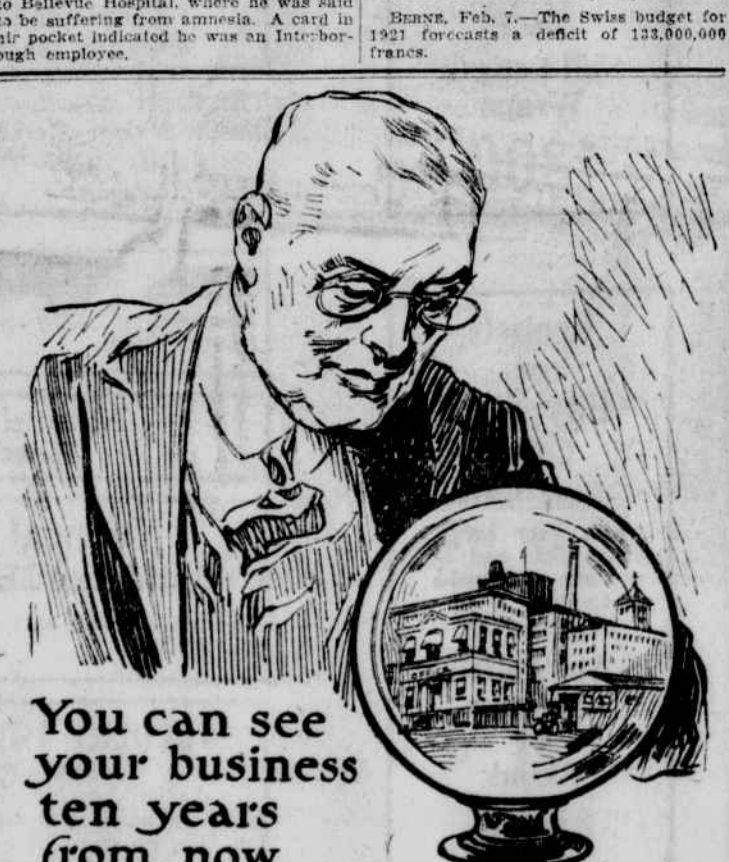
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## TANKER DISAPPEARS WITH A CREW OF 42

No Trace of Hewitt, Long  
Overdue at Boston.

It is probable that the American tank steamship Hewitt, which left Sabine, Tex., eighteen days ago for Boston, will be listed in the fleet of mystery ships that have vanished from the surface of the sea without leaving trace. Radio inquiry sent broadcast has failed to reveal any news of the tanker, which should have reached her destination in eight days.

The Union Sulphur Company of this city, owner of the Hewitt, says it cannot account for her disappearance. She carried a crew of forty-two men, signed on at Portland, Me., and was commanded by Capt. H. J. Hansen. She measured 5,338 gross tons and was built in 1914.

## MOTOR POSSE OF 100 PRESSES CLUB BANDITS

Baltusrol Gang Believed Hid-  
ing in Vauxhall.

Bandits who held up the members of the Baltusrol Country Club, near Short Hills, N. J., early Sunday, are believed to be in hiding near Vauxhall, three miles from the scene of their work, it became known last night. Sheriff George H. Johnston of Union county led an automobile posse of one hundred men into that section late yesterday afternoon and at midnight was still forcing the search. Almost from the moment they disappeared into the bush after compelling James P. Thomas of Elizabeth to drive them to a point they had selected the countryside has been under observation by members of the Union County Safety Committee, and Sheriff Johnston is confident the robbers were unable to get far away.

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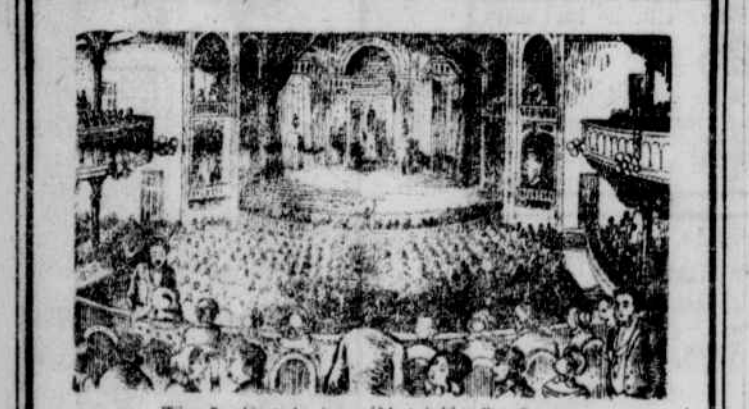
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